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POLYUREA-BASED ADHESIVES, ARTICLES MADE THEREFROM, AND

METHODS OF THEIR PREPARATION AND USE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on March 1, 2002.

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 16-17.

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (Amended) An adhesive composition comprising a polyurea-based polymer and less than about 45 parts by weight tackifier per hundred parts by weight polyurea-based polymer, wherein the polyurea-based polymer is essentially free of segments derived from polysiloxane polyamines.

5. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the polyurea-based polymer comprises a segmented copolymer, which copolymer comprises repeating units of Formula I:

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